

LG | Guide

[Ephesians 1:3-6]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- In your personal devotion with the Lord, what has the Lord revealed to you through His word? If not, what is keeping you from the Lord?
- When you reflect back on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Let's put our brains together and recall what we have learned about Paul. Who is he? How does Paul describe himself/his past? Where is he from? Why was he in Ephesus? How long did he stay in Ephesus?
2. How would you describe verse 3 to someone else? What does it mean that Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places?
3. Was God aimless in his pursuit of us or did he always have a plan? What was the plan? Was there ever a plan B?
4. Many of you may be familiar with some of the heavy theological terms presented by Paul in this text (i.e. chose, predestined or election). In short, predestination describes God's foreknowledge and sovereignty over all things past, present and future, to include our very own salvation. This idea has been debated for centuries and certainly won't be solved tonight, but how many of you are familiar with this understanding? If familiar, how were these ideas first presented to you?
5. What is God's ultimate desire for the "purpose of his will"? What is the purpose of election and salvation and essentially everything God does?
6. How can we find hope in the will of God?

PRAY (10 mins)

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.